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TAGS: EAIR
SUBJECT: GOSK WISH TO HAVE BWIA STOP ON NEW YORK ROUTE

1. IN SUPPORT OF ITS LONG STANDING DESIRE TO SECURE DIRECT AIR LINKS TO NORTH AMERICA, THE GOVERNMENT OF ST. KITTS-NEVIS HAS REQUESTED USG ASSURANCE THAT A BWIA REQUEST TO PROVIDE A ST. KITTS STOP ON ITS U.S.-CARIBBEAN SERVICE WOULD NOT GENERATE PROBLEMS WITH THE CAB. THE 8 JULY LETTER FROM THE GOSK CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "THIS WOULD INVOLVE, AS SEEMS TO BE INDICATED, AN AMENDMENT TO THE U.S.-TRINIDAD/TOBAGO AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT PERMIT TO ENABLE ST. KITTS TO BE SERVED ON THE NEW YORK ROUTE. WE HAVE AT LAST GOT TO THE POINT WHERE BWIA SEEMS ANXIOUS TO MAKE THIS APPLICATION, BUT ARE SEEKING TWO ASSURANCES - (A) THAT THEY WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM ON OUR BEHALF, AND (B) THAT THEY WILL NOT BE PUTTING THEIR PRESENT OPERATING PERMIT AT RISK BY MAKING SUCH AN APPLICATION."

2. OUR IMPRESSION, BASED ON PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH BWIA, IS THAT THE AIRLINE IS NOT ALL THAT CONVINCED THAT A ONCE PER WEEK EACH WAY ST. KITTS STOP WOULD GENERATE THE NECESSARY REVENUE. IT IS POSSIBLE BWIA, IN DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH THE GOSK, HAS RAISED THE PROBLEM OF CAB REACTION PRINCIPALLY
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AS A MEANS OF PASSING THE BUCK.

3. WITH SUGAR PRICES DOWN, ST. KITTS IS MORE THAN EVER NEEDFUL OF IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ISLAND'S STILL SMALL TOURISM SECTOR. THEREFORE, WE HOPE THAT THE CAB WOULD RAISE NO OBJECTION TO BWIA SERVING ST. KITTS ON ONE OF ITS U.S. ROUTES.

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4. AS EVIDENCE OF THE IMPORTANCE THE GOSK ATTACHES TO THE ROUTE QUESTION, THE PREMIER, DEPUTY PREMIER, AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS ALL RAISED THE ISSUE DURING THE CHARGE'S RECENT (13, 14, & 15 JULY) VISIT TO ST. KITTS-NEVIS.
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